



Loss and Grief Practitioners' Association

Minutes of the Committee

Time and Venue: Monday 4 March 2024, Zoom, 7.00pm	
Chair: Greg Roberts	
Minutes: Claire Ewart	
Present: , Annie-Cantwell-Bartl, Anne Giljohann, Meg Moorhouse, Greg Roberts, Marianne Bowdler	
Apologies: Roni Sokolic, Madeleine Ball, Louise Flynn	
Acknowledgement of country	Greg
<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological Grief – Marianne presented for Abi Catchlove because of a family emergency. Anne thought it was a really good subject. This is grief of many if not or most. People have held it silently and it was helpful to give focus to this. They thought it was a disenfranchised grief. Eco-distress is an infinite grief. Solastalgia – an existential distress caused by environmental change and loss of the climate we used to know. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg suggested building on this for a future discussion group – Anne suggested having Kathryn back to discuss the results of her research. ○ How to help people – Psychology for a Safer Climate do a training on how to help people struggling with this kind of grief. They say this should be raised with every client because it is a grief that is slow burning. ○ Marianne suggested a future topic of Spiritual Care - Cheryl Holmes – Spiritual Association of Australia – could be a good speaker. 	
<p>Program planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational memberships – Claire has been contacted by VSK seeking to change the 4 named people so that other staff can attend sessions. The committee discussed how this might work next year. Greg thought it might work better for unlimited numbers of staff who can attend for a larger amount of money. More discussion next time. • Indigenous Grief – Annie to get a date in April/May. Claire will email Annie. • Funerals – July/Aug – speakers could be from AFDA, Bereavement Assistance Ltd & State. Academic - the course in death for medical students. Modern ways that we dispose of bodies. The future cemetery. Marianne will look 	<p>All</p> <p>Annie Claire</p> <p>Marianne Meg</p>

<p>for her contact. Meg will contact Bereavement Assistance and Gathered Here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroners Court Visit – Anne has left a message for the Coroners Court to discuss this. • Gathering at the Pride Centre – Greg to speak to Switchboard. 	<p>Anne Greg</p>
<p>Any other Business: None</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: Monday 8 April 2024 , 7pm, Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NB This meeting will only be held if the Indigenous grief session cannot be held in April/May. It will be to organise an alternative session 	<p>Claire</p>